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Re: Microsoft Settlement	CC:

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Dear Ms. Hesse:

It is my understanding that the federal antitrust settlement agreed upon between Microsoft Corporation and the U.S Department of Justice is currently under review by the U.S. Court of Appeals. I am writing this in order to register my support for the settlement and ask the Court to rule accordingly.

For three years, this case has been disputed without any reasonable legal remedies. The proposed settlement effectively eliminates the need for further litigation—which would be at tremendous expense to taxpayers—and offers a fair and reasonable compromise.

Microsoft is a leading innovator of high tech products. Their products have made business computing simple, effective and productive. It is because of their continued pursuit of excellence in the market and ongoing quest for consumer satisfaction, that they have become such a giant in the industry. It would be a shame to sanction them for their cutting-edge innovations.

My quick review of the settlement terms persuaded me to write. Microsoft has shown good faith in this agreement. In fact, I would say they have gone beyond what should be required of any business operating in our so-called "free market". It is time to accept the settlement and move on.

Sincerely,



Gianina Irlando